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IN MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN
REQUESTED BY NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR GUNNENG, GUNNENG DE-
LIVERED SAME STATEMENT MADE IN NATO BY NORWEGIAN PERMREP
TODAY. GUNNENG SAID THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT REGRETTED
HAVING TO TAKE A NEGATIVE STAND ON A NATO QUESTION BUT THAT
THIS WAS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE ON WHICH IT FELT IT COULD
NOT CONCEDE AND HAD TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS OPENLY AND FRANKLY
TO ITS ALLIES.

MR. SPRINGSTEEN SAID WE REGRET THE DECISION OF THE
NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE DOMESTIC
POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT HAVE MOTIVATED THIS
POSITION WE HAVE LONG FELT THAT A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN NATO AND SPAIN TO BE IMPORTANT TO EUROPE AND OUR
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COMMON CAUSE. WE SHALL RETURN TO THE MATTER AT A LATER
DATE. ROGERS

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